

Fishing reported to be good

Coffee County Lake enjoys successful reopening

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Fishing at the Coffee County lake returned recently, and according to Jonas Messick, manager, things are going very well.

"The lake had been closed for two years prior to reopening," said Messick. "It was during this time when the lake was drained, cleaned and restocked with fish."

Since taking over responsibilities as manager of the Coffee County Lake, Messick said the major improvement that has been made is getting the grass cut so people can fish off the bank of the lake. He also said he has proposed an overnight camping area to the State and officials are "thinking it over," so to speak.

Another planned future improvement is a new bait shop.

At the beginning of next year, Messick said the State is planning to tear down the old bait shop and build a new one. At this point, however, it is only in the planning stages.

"We offer many different kinds of bait and fishing tackle," said Messick.

He said all of the supplies in the bait shop were purchased from the old Elba Bait Shop, owned by the late Doris Farmer.

Messick said the Coffee County Lake Bait Shop offers a wide selection of live baits, such as crickets, mill worms, pink worms, red worms (jumbo and regular) and red worms. There also are various assortments of packaged catfish baits, frozen chicken livers and catfish worms (when available).

Inside the bait shop, Messick said refreshments such as chips, cookies, and drinks are available for purchase. He added that hamburgers and hot dogs are planned to be served in the future.

When asked about the fishing since reopening the lake,



Coffee County Lake manager Jonas Messick invites everyone to visit the recently reopened recreation spot. The lake is open Tuesday-Sunday from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. On Saturday's the lake currently will remain open until 10 p.m.

Messick said, "No one has had any trouble catching their limit."

The first day the lake was open, he said 900 pounds of fish were caught, and on the second day, 700 pounds were caught.

He said he wants to thank

everyone who has visited the lake and helped keep it clean. He also reminds all that, "A bad day of fishing is much better than a good day of work."

"Bream and catfish have been really good, and bass fishing has been average," said Messick.

He also said he has been telling many people the dumb fish have already been caught, and it takes smart fishermen to catch the smart fish.

The lake is open Tuesday-Sunday from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. On Saturday's the lake will remain open until 10 p.m. On Monday's the lake will be closed all day.

There is a \$2 per day (per person) fishing fee. To launch a personal boat, there is an additional \$2 fee.

Messick said boats are available for rent at a cost of \$3 and trolling motor with batteries may be rented for an additional fee. At this time, he is also offering a special boat rental for two people which includes the boat, trolling motor and battery, two lifevests, an oar and an anchor for \$15. This includes the launch fee but does not include the fishing fee.

"I would just like to invite everyone to come and fish and have fun," said Messick. "Even

if you don't want to fish just enjoy the scenery. We have picnic tables and charcoal grills for the day and the outdoors."

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UDC presents awards to volunteers

On Sunday, May 20, the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society met for the last regular meeting of the year. Dr. Jack Oden called the meeting to order and installed the officers and board members for the society for 2007-2008.

Mrs. Edberg and Mrs. Donna Clark of the General Edmond Winchester Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented Judah P. Benjamin Awards to two historical society volunteers. The awards were presented for outstanding civic contributions.

Mrs. Edberg told those present that the award was named for Judah P. Benjamin who was an outstanding statesman and the only Jewish member of President Jefferson Davis' Confederate Cabinet.

The awards were presented to Mr. Louie Reynolds, director of the Enterprise Welcome Center, and to Mr. Larry Herbst, director of the Depot Museum. Both the Welcome Center and the Depot Museum are sponsored by the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

These men have volunteered for many years and are in charge of recruiting volunteers and the general management for their individual centers. The Enterprise Welcome Center is one of the first locations that visitors and new residents to the community may visit to learn about Enterprise. On the other hand the Depot Museum is a wonderful place for residents, school children, and visitors to learn about the past with its more than 1500 reminders of days gone by.

Dr. Oden presented the program entitled, "Old Time Religion." He discussed the "second spiritual awakening" in our country, which took place in the early 1800s. He entertained those present as he related stories of experiences of the early Circuit Riders as they traveled the frontier with their Bible, songbook, and a copy of *Paradise Lost* in their saddle bags.

Dr. Oden also told how as many as 5,000 people would come for hundreds of miles to attend the "Camp Meetings" which would sometimes last for a month. They would camp in tents or build lean-to's for shelter.

Dr. Oden ended by "preaching" a part of one of the sermons he has discovered in his research.

The Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society operates three centers, the Enterprise Welcome Center, the Depot Museum, and the Genealogical Library and Gift Shop. For more information about membership in the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society or for information about becoming a volunteer at one of these centers, call 334-393-2901 or 334-393-3977.

improvement work, and he is pleased it will soon be done.

It will be a great benefit for us," Grimes said.

The mayor said the reconstruction work will improve the appearance and service of the airport making it a more appealing location to those who fly-in for various reasons.

"I am pleased to confirm the approval of \$1,597,500 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Elba Airport Authority," said Congressman Terry Everett. "This substantial grant which was awarded Wednesday, June 13, that federal grant funds have been approved for the reconstruction of the runway.

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which was awarded May 10 to the airport to acquire addi-

tional land for the runway protection zone," said Everett.

According to Mayor Grimes, the runway protection zone is a requirement of the FAA. It's purpose is to make for a safer takeoff and approach for air-

craft.

should move quickly from

there.

"These funds follow a federal grant of \$2,544,249

to the airport to

reconstruct the runway to 75 feet wide. The length of the runway will not change, at this time. The airport taxiway will be reconstructed to 400 feet by 25 feet.

Mayor Grimes said the grant funds allow for a com-

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ture," said Everett.

Looking forward, Mayor

Grimes said he hopes in the

future the city can start a new

project for the airport with the

intention to extend the length of

the runway.

DORSEY TRAILERS STAFF -

all of it as of last Thurs-

day was

brought inven-

and checked out equipment in preparation for

restoring the production line as soon as possible.

Pictured above are Jimmy

Hudson, a long, long time employee under several Dorsey owners and offici-

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of Pitts Enter-

prise to restart the plant, and new General Manager David Dorsey. Dorsey is a descendant of the founders of the Elba icon and displayed obvious excitement at returning to Elba and the chance to "make a difference" at Dorsey Trailers.

Several local citizens arrested by Elba Police on various charges

Officials with the Elba Police Department continue to make headway with investigations, and this week announced the recent arrests of several different individuals on various charges.

According to information from Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey, recent investigations by the department led to the following arrests:

• Brandon Wilson, age 21, of Elba was arrested and charged with robbery first degree in relation to the assault of another Elba resident. He is currently being held in the Coffee County Jail. Bond is set at \$30,000 with a hold for Covington County.

• Reginald Demaris Horsted, age 35, of Elba, was arrested and charged with enticing a child to enter a vehicle, house for immoral purposes. This arrest follows a complaint involving a 14-year-old Elba youth. Bond is set at \$5,000.

The gardening project is something Whitworth said he would like to see continue with the jail inmates as long as they want to participate.

"It keeps them busy and their mind occupied," he said.

As for now, Whitworth said the inmates are enjoying the success of their dedication and hard work. He also said they (the inmates) are planning future gardening ideas and may plant some winter crops this year as well.

Wayne Jackson joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately 16 years ago. He currently serves as a Captain in the department.

Through the years, Jackson has acquired a great deal of training to include: School Bus Extrication, Incident Command System, Haz-Mat Refresher Course, Haz-Mat Safety Awareness Operational Level, OSHA Mandatory Training, S.C.B.A., Service Testing - Pumps, Hose, Hydrants, Vehicular Extrication, Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations, Haz-Mat Incident Commander, Haz-Mat Technician, Airport Firefighter, Haz-Mat First Responder, Firefighter I & II, Toxic Agent Training, Responders Training Course and Weapons of Mass Destruction Installation Emergency.

When asked why he decided to join the local fire department, Jackson said, "because I enjoy helping people." He also said he enjoys being around all his friends.

Wayne's family includes his wife, Felicity, children, Devin and Brianna Jackson, and stepchildren, Audrey and Ethan Dean. In his spare time, he said he enjoys hunting and fishing.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

CORRECTION

The Alabama Senate battle which locked down the 2007 legislative session exploded on the last day in an event caught by a TV camera from Educational TV. Senator Charles Bishop was seen trying to land a fist on fellow Senator Lowell Barron. It is a "he said" situation and only the two of them know what actually was said. Even though Barron is no longer the official Democrat party leader in the state senate, he is still powerful and must be contended with getting things done in the senate. He escalated the personal feelings during the last election campaigns by pouring tons of money (via PACs) into individual races from one end of the state to the other, including Coffee County, even at times supporting a Republican who was running against a Democrat Barron with whom he didn't agree. Bishop, on the other hand, has a reputation for expressing his anger with offers to "duke it out". The lockdown of the state senate this year saw Barron on one side and Republican Bishop with the opposing minority. Rarely could either group gather enough votes to break the gridlock and get bills passed. Those battle lines are still active, as demonstrated since the unfortunate slugfest. Republicans gave Bishop a standing ovation at a Republican meeting last weekend. Democrats siding with Barron are calling for Bishop's blood, or at least his resignation from the legislature. Only in Alabama! But, hey voters can not classify the hefty legislative pay raise and lawmakers new rights to the state health insurance program as "entertainment costs".

We regret this typographical error and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Youth Tour alumni encouraged to register online to aid grassroots effort supporting rural electrification

All former Rural Electric Youth Tour participants are asked to join the grass roots effort of advocating continued support from Congress for rural electric cooperatives.

If you attended the Youth Tour in Montgomery or Washington, D.C., you are asked to register online at the Alabama Rural Electric Association's Web site www.areaspower.com and click on the icon for Youth Tour Alumni. It doesn't matter if you attended the Youth Tour in 1975 or 2007, your help is needed. The information you provide will not be shared with anyone. AREA will use this information only to contact registered members when issues important to the electric cooperative program arise.

The major issue facing rural

Rain has been in short supply in this part of Alabama in most of 2007, but believe it or not, we have fared better than other parts of the South. Monday we viewed a satellite image of the whole Southeast and this part of the state actually has some "green" spots, indicating patchy areas with "better" if not ample rainfall for the year. That is hard to accept as Heddy and I were laughing counting raindrops on the windshield a couple of weeks ago when driving through Dothan on Saturday afternoon. All that makes the light rains and/or thunderstorms of today (Tuesday) so s-w-e-t!

Dorsey Trailers will actually be back into production in Elba in the foreseeable future. Several new employees are now at work readying the plant for production, and applications are being taken for other workers. Elba native David Dorsey, son of the late Kimmie and Betty Dorsey, has been named General Manager and is scouting everywhere trying to get the plant up and running. Representatives of the new owners, Pitts Enterprises, have been in town on several occasions doing their part in getting things started. This could be a case of "good things come to those who wait".

The blueberries in our backyard are getting ripe and it is an continuing effort to get them before the birds gobble them down. It has been so dry that we put the water hose on these few times in the past month in an effort to ensure the normal large, sweet berries. That part worked and now the water nature is providing should take us through the balance of the berry season.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 11, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for harassing communications, one for burglary, one for theft of property, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for lost medication, one for disorderly conduct, one for harassment, two for a lost phone, one for lost property, one for driving under the influence and one for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license, one for speeding, six for not wearing a seat belt, one for duty to give information to render aide, one for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the noise ordinance and one for a canceled driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 11 - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (9:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 867 County Rd. 455 (12:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (7:40 p.m.); Possible burglar attempt reported at 1234 Kelley Dr. (10:12 p.m.); Two vehicle wreck reported on E.

Far East Imports recalls fireworks due to eye injury hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Far East Imports, of Pittsburgh, Kan., has announced a voluntary fireworks recall of 300 Shot Saturn Missiles/Battery Fireworks. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

These fireworks devices can travel in an unexpected and dangerous direction, which could pose eye and other injury hazards to bystanders.

The recalled fireworks are a 200 gram multi shot device that consists of 300 individual missiles with a single fuse for ignition. The device measures 16" x 16" x 13" and its packaging is a dark blue cardboard label with the words "March or Die" printed in red.

Fireworks distributor was Jakes Fireworks Inc. of Pittsburgh, Kas.

The tubes on these fireworks devices could become loose, making the devices unstable during use. If the device tip

is cut off, consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Jakes Fireworks for a replacement product.

For additional information, contact Jakes Fireworks at (800) 766-1277 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.fareastimporting.co>.

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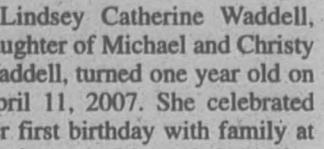
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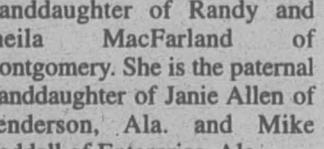
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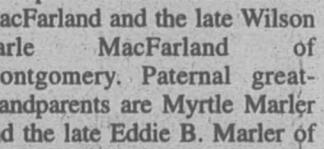
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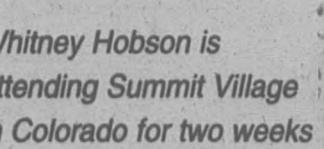
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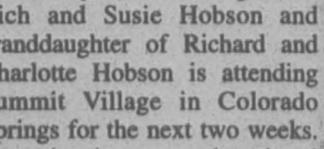
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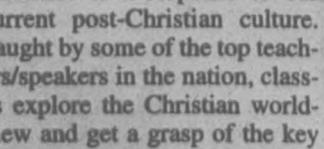
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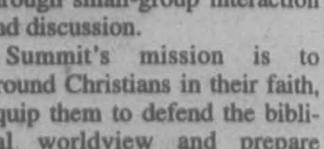
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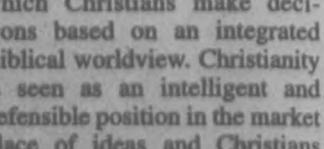
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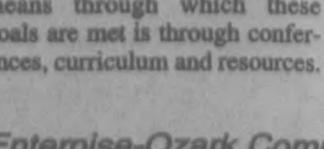
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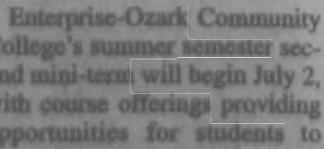
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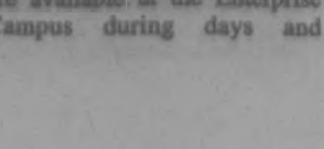
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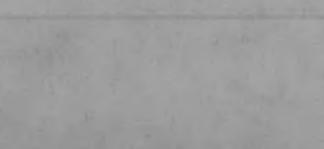
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SPORTS

Views From...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

In tourney action

Elba All-Star teams ready to take the field

The Elba Dixie Baseball and Dixie Softball Leagues have selected their All-Star teams for the upcoming sub-district and district tournaments. Following are team rosters:

DIXIE BASEBALL

Dixie Minor All-Stars
Griffin Martin, Dalton Sewell, Avery Haney, Quan Jordan, Shawn Camley, Jordan Kidd, Ty Stewart, Chance Johnson, J. Cole Spicer, Chase Moseley, Covosea's Stinson
Coaches: Daniel Kidd, Brian Free, Mike Amison

Dixie Youth All-Stars
Hayes Spicer, Harry Griffin, Ashton Senn, Austin Johnson,

AHSAA board denies Hoover request, cuts back regular season in baseball and softball

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's Central Board of Control met last week in a called meeting and denied appeals from Hoover High School and Weaver High School, gave its approval to move the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic to December, and made changes to the high school baseball and softball seasons.

An appeal from Hoover High School was heard concerning the school's request to play a football game on Sunday, Sept. 2, in the Kirk Herbstreit Ohio vs. USA Challenge in Cincinnati, Ohio. The request didn't contain a "buy-out" clause for the coach if he should decide to leave, but it was filled with incentives that could make college football's highest paid coach even more money. Now that the paperwork has been completed, I know all Crimson Tide fans are ready to kick off in the new season and watch their investment pay off.

"...closing...," I understand the Alabama High School Athletic Association makes the rules for its members to follow, and also understand that the organization has made it clear it will never allow one of its member schools to participate in a scheduled event on Sunday. Even though I agree with its stance concerning Hoover, maybe someone should have called the folks up in Ohio and told them that Pensacola is the state championship team from Alabama and not Hoover. Just to let them know that here in Alabama games are won on the field and not on the tube.

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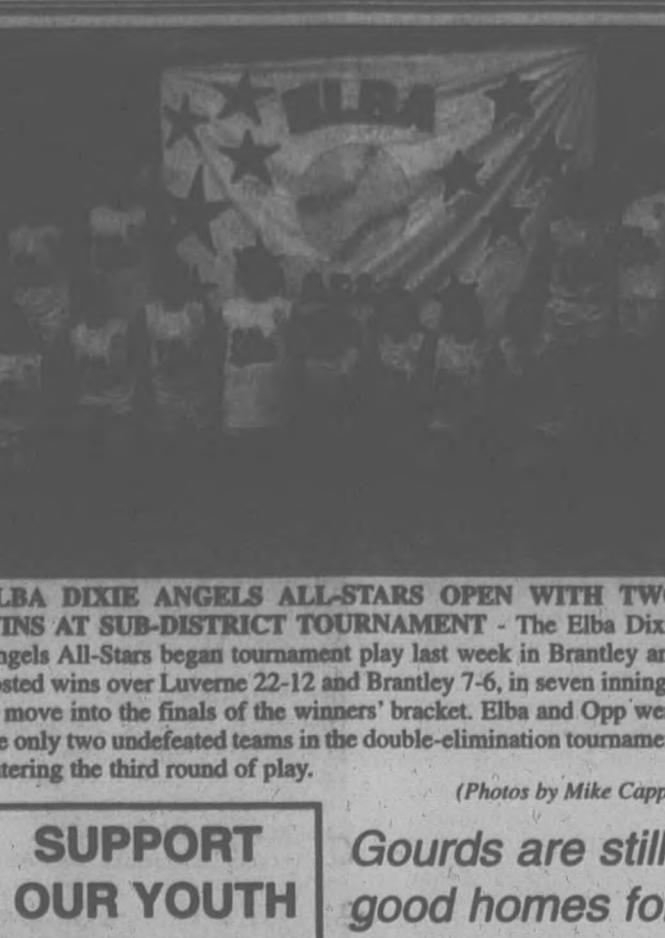
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ELBA DIXIE ANGELS ALL-STARS OPEN WITH TWO WINS AT SUB-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT - The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars began tournament play last week in Brantley and posted wins over Luverne 22-12 and Brantley 7-6, in seven innings, to move into the finals of the winners' bracket. Elba and Opp were the only two undefeated teams in the double-elimination tournament entering the third round of play.

(Photos by Mike Capps)

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Gourds are still good homes for many birds

By Mark S. Sasser, Wildlife Biologist, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

A Gourd is still one of the best and most economical birdhouses you can find. Prices generally run from \$1 to \$2 each when purchased from a grower, harvested straight from the field.

Some growers and suppliers sell gourds pre-drilled and entrance holes pre-cut, but expect to pay \$4 to \$5, maybe more, for each prepared gourd.

If you purchase gourd houses painted and decorated, like the ones you see at local flea markets, expect to pay even more.

With a few small tools, it is a relatively easy task to make your own gourd birdhouse.

Simply cut the proper entrance hole, drill a few drain holes in the bottom, drill a hole at the top and run a wire through the hole, and it is ready to hang.

Select the size gourd from the grower that best suits your needs. Large gourds are the best for purple martins, while smaller gourds work better for bluebirds or wrens.

If the gourd has not been harvested long enough to be seasoned, dry it by placing it in a sunny area and turn it every few days until you can hear the seeds rattling when you shake it.

Once it is completely dry, you are ready to begin preparation.

To prepare a gourd for a birdhouse, begin by marking a proper entrance hole. Be sure the bottom of the entrance hole is not too low to the bottom.

This will prevent fledglings from falling out of the gourd before it is time for them to leave the nest. Cut out the hole with a keyhole saw, jigsaw, or use a hole saw bit with your drill. I prefer a hole saw bit because it is quick and makes a smooth, uniform hole. Bore several 1/4-inch holes in the bottom for adequate drainage. Clean out the dried seeds and drill a 1/4-inch hole through the top, attach a wire hanger and the birdhouse is ready for hanging.

A gourd birdhouse will usually last two years, but for added protection and longevity, varnish or paint with a light-colored paint to prevent overheating.

Slow action rods are often preferred when using live bait. They are also excellent when fishing for soft-mouthed fish like crappie.

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Fisherman that doesn't want to tie up money in several different rods will do well with a medium action rod. It simply combines casting accuracy and enough backbone for setting the hook. If you are picking a rod for a youngster or as a gift for the average fisherman, you can't go wrong with a medium action rod.

When purchasing a rod, check to see what weight lures the rod is rated for. It will usually be listed on the large end of the rod near the grip. Most rods can handle a lure ounce heavier or lighter than what they are rated for.

One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist or do a lot of research to pick a good rod. Just have a general idea of the species of fish you will be after and the conditions you will be fishing under.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Selecting the right rod can be confusing

Many of us can remember the days when the only two ways a fishing rod was described was stiff or limber. That was in the days when fiberglass rods were king. These fiberglass rods are still used, especially by salt-water fishermen. Short solid fiberglass rods are also excellent when fishing small streams with heavy brush along the banks.

But when it comes to today's rods, we are talking about graphite or graphite composite material. Like the old fiberglass rods, they come in all lengths and actions. The length and action rod we need depends on the type fishing we do. For open water fishing without casting obstructions the longer rods are better. They will cast farther and they are regarded as more sporting when playing a fish. Long rods also absorb shock better than shorter rods.

Short rods are at their best when one has to haul a big bass or catfish out of a brush pile or through the lily pads. They are also easier to transport and take up little room in a small boat.

After one decides on the best length, rod action must be considered.

A fast action rod bends mostly in the upper third of the rod, near the tip. A medium action rod bends about to the mid point of the rod, while a slow action rod is flexible for almost its entire length. Fast action rods usually offer better cast control and sensitivity when it comes to "feeling" a lure as it is retrieved. Fast action rods allow one to set the hook better than the slower action rods as well. This action is ideal when using jigs or plastic soft baits.

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THE ELBA 7 & 8-YEAR-OLD COACH-PITCH TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM won the Slocumb 7 & 8-year-old All-Star Baseball Tournament held Saturday, June 9, in Slocumb, Ala. It was the first tournament of the season for the team. There were a total of 11 teams vying for the championship. The Elba team set a tournament record for home runs hitting over the fence with a grand total of 17 home runs. Team members (shown above with tournament trophies) include: (front row, left to right) Tanner Herrenknecht, Nicholas Johnson, Talon Flowers, Clay Kelley, Noah McDaniel and Tanner Hudson; (back row, left to right) Logan Davis, Jeremiah Jordan, Braxton Robinson, Grant Akrige, Landon Carnley and Isaiah Kyles.

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Deadline announced for Miss Coffee County Agriculture interview process

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held Thursday, July 12, at the Coffee County Farm Center community room beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal attire.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year, to bring awareness to agriculture.

She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level, and represent Coffee County at a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for one year. The first runner up will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of \$100.

Applications can be picked up at the Enterprise or Elba ALPA offices. For more information call Andy Lavender (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York (334) 347-9558. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, July 10.

Lifeguard on Duty Elba City Pool open for "fun in the sun"

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

With the weather so hot and muggy, many people find themselves searching for ways to "beat the heat" somehow. One of the most common ways is to take a plunge in the pool.

The Elba City Pool, located at Hawkins Williams Park, is open six days a week for that purpose. The pool is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12 (noon) until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admission to the pool is \$3 for ages 12 and up, \$2 for 12 and under, and those age 1 and under are admitted free.

The City of Elba employs five lifeguards at the city pool to insure the safety of those swimming at the pool. Each year, these lifeguards complete a training course designed to teach them how to react if someone is drowning. They also take classes to learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

"All rules are strictly enforced," said lifeguard Derrick Manning. "The main rule, however, is no running. We don't want anyone to slip and fall in or around the pool."

Another important rule the lifeguards wished to remind everyone is that no cut off jeans,



Lifeguards at the Elba City Pool are trained on how to react if someone is drowning, as well as trained to perform CPR. Also, to ensure the safety of all swimmers, the lifeguards make sure one and all follow the pool rules and regulations. Lifeguards Ryan Rinsaul and Melanie Mularz are shown above with a sign posted at the pool to help better explain this list of rules for all swimmers.

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Besides being a place of recreation, the city pool also serves as a learning facility at specific occasions during the summer when the lifeguards offer swimming lessons. Already this year, swimming lessons were held June 4th-8th, and additional swimming lesson times may be announced at a later date.

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Manning said many people want to come to the pool to try to get a tan, and with that in mind, he said new chairs to "lay out" in have been purchased.

The Elba City Pool does have a smaller pool, known as the "kiddie pool." This pool is cur-

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Pool parties are available by reservation. To reserve a date and time for a party, call the Elba Recreation Center at (334) 897-6833.

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The MaChis Creek Indian Tribe donated \$100 to the New Brockton Police Department.

Several information announcements were made, including:

- Downtown Revitalization group meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

- Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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